

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE WOMAN'S LEAGUE

Organization Formed to Promote the Principles of the Democratic Party.

SESSIONS TO BE HELD
AT NEW WILLARD HOTEL

Opening Meeting Scheduled for Friday—List of Prominent Leaders Who Are Expected.



MRS. WILLIAM A. CULLOP,
President.

The fourth annual convention of the Woman's National Democratic League is to be held Friday and Saturday at the New Willard Hotel. Several hundred prominent democratic women leaders, including the wives of senators, representatives, diplomats and government officials, are expected to attend the sessions.

Mrs. E. M. Wilson, wife of Col. House, President Wilson's close friend, will lead the delegation from Texas. At the head of the New York group of women will be Mrs. O'Gorman Stanton of New York, a sister of Senator O'Gorman. From Chicago will come Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, Mrs. Putney and Mrs. Merritt. The Wyoming delegation will be headed by Mrs. Thomas Sheldon Taliaferro.

Other Prominent Delegates.

The chairman of the delegation from Seattle, Wash., will be Mrs. John M. Phillips. Mrs. Robert T. Lau, president of the Forum, an influential woman's society in New York city, will be a delegate. Mrs. A. Caminetti, wife of the United States commissioner of immigration, will head the California delegation. The chairman of the Utah group will be Mrs. E. J. Q. Roundy of Salt Lake City.

From Little Rock, Ark., will come Mrs. Earle W. Hodges, wife of the secretary of state of Arkansas and vice president of the state organization. Mrs. W. H. Hutton, Mrs. Lewis Rhoton, Mrs. H. G. Hollenberg, Mrs. M. F. Dickinson, Mrs. Charles H. Miller, Mrs. J. F. Weinmann, Mrs. Fred A. Snodgrass and Mrs. E. L. McInerney.

The program will be a morning session decided upon at a meeting of the executive board of the league, to be held Tuesday morning at Congress Hall Hotel.

Open Session Probable.

Friday's sessions probably will be opened to the public. There will be addresses by prominent men and women, and an elaborate musical program will be presented. Mrs. William A. Cullop, wife of Representative Cullop of Indiana, president of the league, will preside, and make her annual address. Saturday morning's session probably will be devoted entirely to business and will be closed to the public. Reports of standing and special committees will be presented and election of officers for the year will occur.

During the past year the work of the league has been expanded, and the organization has prospered. In addition to assisting the democratic party in its election campaigns, the league is engaged in considerable philanthropic work.

It is likely that arrangements will be made at the business session of the convention to aid the democratic national committee in a material way during the coming campaign. In addition to this, the women probably will launch a campaign to raise large funds for the financing of the party work.

Washington Girls Among Pages.

Mrs. Cullop's personal page at the convention will be Miss Etta Taylor, daughter of Representative Taylor of Colorado. The chairman of pages will be Miss Pamela Casanova Wilson, and the vice chairman will be Miss Helen Hill Hopkins. The other pages will be Miss Jennie Pearce of Richmond, Va., and Miss Dorothy Denham, Miss Louise Mattingly, Miss Helen Griffin, Miss Katherine Mattingly, Miss Gladys Pugh, Miss Mary Pugh, Miss Anna Wells and Miss Rosalyn Evans of Washington.

Many social functions will be given in connection with the convention. It is likely that receptions or musicales will be given Friday and Saturday evenings. Many of the local women identified with the league are planning to entertain at their homes for the visiting delegates.

The object of the league, as stated in the organization's constitution, is "to promote the principles of democracy and to assist in the election of the regular nominees of the democratic party."

Officers of the League.

The honorary vice president is Mrs. Marshall, and the honorary director is Mrs. Matthew T. Scott.

Officers of the league are Mrs. William A. Cullop, Indiana, president; Mrs. Edward T. Taylor of Colorado, first vice president; Mrs. Duncan T. Fletcher of Florida, second vice president; Mrs. John E. Baker of California, third vice president; Mrs. William Kettner of California, recording secretary; Mrs. Randolph D. Hopkins of this city, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mary C. Adams of this city, treasurer; Mrs. W. F. Hancock of this city, auditor; Mrs. Charles E. Stacey of Riverdale, Md., historian; and Mrs. Joseph K. Maxwell of this city, national chairman of pages.

The directors are: Mrs. William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska; Mrs. James Frier Tarvin of Kentucky; Mrs. Henry L. Edmunds of New Jersey; Mrs. Francis Berger Moran of this city; Mrs. Edward M. House of Texas; and Mrs. Frank S. White of Alabama.

Steamboat Inspectors Commended.

W. C. Redfield, Secretary of the Department of Commerce, has sent a circular letter to the headquarters of the steamboat inspection service in the various districts, commending the work of the inspectors in the past year, as follows: "I wish to express my appreciation of the faithful and unselfish service of the officers and employees of the steamboat inspection service during the calendar year 1915. It was a year of unusual activity and every one of them my cordial wishes for a happy and prosperous new year."

SIXTEEN CHURCHES UNITE FOR A WEEK OF PRAYER

Mount Pleasant Congregations Begin Services at St. Stephen's Parish Hall.

Sixteen of the churches of Mount Pleasant are to participate in union services of prayer to be held each night of this week, beginning with tomorrow and excepting Saturday, in various churches of the section.

The service tomorrow evening will be in the parish hall of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, with Rev. Dr. F. J. Prettyman, pastor of Mount Pleasant Southern Methodist congregation, preaching on "The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church of the Section."

The other dates, churches, topics and speakers are as follows:

Tuesday—Immanuel Baptist Church, "The Bible in the Life of Today," Rev. Charles H. Butler.

Wednesday—Fourth Presbyterian Church, 13th and Fairmont streets, "The Church in the Life of Today," Rev. J. B. Clayton.

Thursday—Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, "The Ideal of Jesus for the Present Day World," Rev. Walter F. Smith.

Friday—Calvary Methodist Church, "Prayer in the Life of Today," Rev. H. W. Stowell.

The churches uniting are Immanuel Baptist, Westminster Presbyterian, Mount Pleasant Congregational, St. Stephen's Episcopal, Friends, Columbia Heights Lutheran, Calvary M. E., Iowa Avenue M. E., Mount Pleasant M. E., South Park Road Methodist Protestant, Central Presbyterian, Fourth Presbyterian, Wesleyan, Wesleyan, Wesleyan Memorial, United Presbyterian and Chapel of the Transfiguration.

Congregation of Mount Pleasant M. E. Church South Holds Exercises for \$20,000 Edifice.

A drizzling rain did not stop members of the congregation of Mount Pleasant M. E. Church South and friends from attending exercises yesterday morning incident to the breaking of ground at 16th and Lamont streets for the proposed new \$20,000 edifice. Umbrellas and planks to stand upon were used. A large number of children were present. The exercises were presided over by two years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Miller, assist in breaking ground. The little fellow represented the youngest members of the Sunday school.

The exercises were opened with a hymn by the congregation followed with prayer by Rev. J. L. Kibler. Rev. H. M. Carter, presiding elder of the Washington district Southern Methodist Churches, made a short address.

Building Contract Is Signed.

George A. Myers, representing the building committee, and W. O. Kimmel, contractor, signed the contract for the construction of the church building. Rev. W. V. Tudor was the first to break ground and was followed by Mrs. J. B. Printup, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the church. Among others who assisted were W. A. Bennett, chairman of the board of stewards; J. Del. Carpenter, superintendent of the Sunday school; F. A. Frost, president of the Epworth League, and Elmer Hunt.

Rev. Dr. Prettyman is to deliver his address, prepared for the exercises yesterday, at the church service this morning in the old post office hall, Park road and 14th street. Benediction was said by Rev. J. B. Printup, pastor of Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church South.

The trustees of the church are: W. A. Bennett, George A. Deis Dietrick, J. E. Fague, M. Cary Figg, Elmer Hunt, E. F. Kennedy, E. E. Munsey, George A. Myers and W. O. Kimmel. The building committee is composed of Rev. F. J. Prettyman, pastor; George A. Myers, chairman; G. Edgar Jones, secretary; E. E. Munsey, treasurer, and W. A. Bennett.

STATE-WAR-NAVY BUILDING HAS NEW FIRE PROTECTION

Col. W. W. Harts Installs Alarm Boxes, Hose and Extinguishers. Watchmen Are Drilled.

For the better protection from fire of the many valuable records and state papers in the archives of the State, War and Navy departments, Col. W. W. Harts, the engineer officer in charge of the big granite building in which the three departments are located, has introduced an entirely new fire system.

Fire alarm boxes of the latest approved design have been installed in easily accessible positions in the corridors on every floor, and fire extinguishers are liberally distributed in addition to which fire hose have been permanently attached to water pipes and arranged on shelves, so that they can be easily unrolled and extended into any of the rooms nearby.

All the members of the watch force and even the elevator conductors have been thoroughly drilled in modern fire tactics so that each will have his particular station and know exactly what he is expected to do in case of an alarm of fire. Primarily the watchmen will direct their energies to the suppression of the fire and to the protection of the official records and the elevator men are trained to operate their cars so as to expedite the escape of the employees in case the fire should assume dangerous proportions.

GROUND IS BROKEN.

Government to Construct a Heating and Lighting Plant.

Ground is being broken for the new heating and lighting plant which the government will build at the foot of 14th street southwest for the purpose of supplying heat and light to the Treasury and other government buildings in its vicinity. Yesterday men with plows were at work breaking the surface of the ground, and it is stated the foundation will be started as soon as necessary piles and other material can be obtained. The new building will be located on the Washington channel to the east of the steam railroad embankment.

To expedite the new municipal wharves at the foot of 11th and 12th streets southwest no holiday was taken there yesterday, and the work is being pushed steadily, week days and Sundays. The second of the three new wharves is rapidly approaching completion, and at the third the work has almost reached the point where the driving of the piles can be started. The first one was completed five weeks ago, and has been in use as an opium wharf for over a month.

Isaac M. Younkers, twenty-three, unmarried, committed suicide yesterday morning at his home in Hagers town, Md., by taking a toxic dose. He was a freight brakeman on the Western Maryland railway.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN MEETS JANUARY 12

Delegates From Constituent Societies Coming Here From All Sections of U. S.

OBJECT IS TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE

Its Initial Meeting Held in 1888 in This City—Roster of Officers.

Executive officers of all constituent organizations included in the National Council of Women are expected to attend the meeting of the council, which is to open here January 12 and continue through January 14. The council includes in its membership practically every organization in the United States devoted to the advancement of the interests of women and the public welfare in general.

Included in the affiliated organizations composing the council are literary clubs, art clubs, temperance organizations of women, labor leagues, missionary, peace and moral purity societies, charitable, professional, educational and industrial associations, suffrage societies, etc.

From its first meeting in the old Riggs House in 1888, on a call issued by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Rachel G. Foster, Matilda Joselyn Gage, May Wright Sewall, Ellen H. Sheldon and Jane H. Spofford, the council has increased in scope and influence until from it has grown the International Council of Women, the membership of which includes women's organizations in all parts of the world.

Official Roster.

Officers of the international council are: President, the Countess of Aberdeen, Haddo House, Scotland; vice presidents, first, Mme. Jules Siegfried, Paris, France; second, Froken Henri Forchhammer, Copenhagen, Denmark; third, Mrs. Henry Dobson, Tasmania, Australia; corresponding secretary, Dr. Phil. Alice Salomon, Berlin, Germany; recording secretary, Mme. Alphen Salvador, Paris, France; treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Sanford, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

National Council.

Officers of the National Council of Women of the U. S. A. are: President, Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, Alexandria, Va.; first vice president, Emma E. Bower, Port Huron, Mich.; second vice president, Mrs. Sadie Anderson, New York city; third vice president, Mrs. Dexter Ramsey, Buffalo, N. Y.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. J. Jamison Miller, Monticello, Ill.; recording secretary, Mrs. M. Josie Nelson, Union City, Ind.; treasurer, Mrs. Annasa M. Eaton, Providence, R. I.

The Countess of Aberdeen is to be present at the meeting of the National Council of Women.

SEWER GAS KILLS THREE.

Men Held in Jail at Emporium, Pa., Unable to Escape Fumes.

KANE, Pa., January 1.—Three men who were held in the borough lockup at Emporium were killed and two others persons living in an adjoining building were rendered unconscious by escaping sewer gas early today.

The men were Edward Pie, Blossburg; Francis Dickinson, New York, and James Bouten, Canton, Pa., and were employed by an explosives company. Their bodies were found when a policeman visited the lockup today. Mrs. Melvin Logan and her little daughter were in a critical condition when found, but physicians tonight declared that both would recover.

Leather Workers Go on Strike.

KANE, Pa., January 1.—Three hundred employees of the Curtis Leather Company went on a strike at Ludlow today, resulting in work at the tannery being suspended. The company offered the men a 10 per cent increase, but they demanded an advance of from 20 to 60 per cent. The plant is the largest in this section of the state.

Shoe Trade Improving

Brown Shoe Company, Inc., Report Gain of Nearly \$800,000 in 1915.

Brown Shoe Company, Inc., of St. Louis, report an increase in actual shipments to customers for the year 1915 over last of \$750,000. The improvement started August 1st, and for the past five months the company's shipments were \$3,700,000 against \$3,250,000 in 1914, showing a gain of \$450,000. The company's business is included in this showing.

The company operates eight large, fully equipped manufacturing plants and two well located distributing houses. One of the company's great specialties, "Buster Brown" shoes for boys and girls, are selling beyond present manufacturing capacity, and provision is now being made for a greater output—adornment.

There is nothing else so refreshing as a Red Top Rye-High Ball

Dentistry of Merit

It's natural that a man with a conscience, an anxiety for work, the ability to do it, because of his long experience, can turn out work of merit. Some folks think that in order to have such a dentist do their work they must pay a very high price. Not so. The Ten-year guarantee as well.

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For all the best things offered in positions, in rental properties and in real estate, either for sale or for exchange, there are likely to be many people interested, and perhaps a dozen or more people start in at once to investigate each one of these best offers made in the paper each day. It requires immediate action on your part if you want to be the "first on the ground."

Answer Star Want Ads till you get what YOU want.

D. G. PFEIFFER HEADS A NEW PIANO COMPANY

Organization Bears His Name and Is Located at No. 1212 G Street.

D. G. Pfeiffer, who has been prominent in the piano trade in this city for more than twenty-five years, the last eight of which he has been vice president of the W. F. Frederick Piano Company, announces the organization of the D. G. Pfeiffer Piano Company. It has bought the older house and is located at 1212 G street. Mr. Pfeiffer is an accomplished musician and an expert in the practical end of the business. He is remembered for his appearances on the concert platform as a pianist, which he has had to discontinue because of growing business demands.

Mr. Pfeiffer's serious study of the piano in the development of tone production was recognized several years ago, when he was called upon to serve as a member of the jury of awards on pianos at the cantonal exposition at Zurich, Switzerland. He spent much time in the pursuit of this work in various large piano factories abroad. Mr. Pfeiffer was for many years a director of the board of the Choral Society in this city; a founder of the Musical Art Society, secretary of the National Association of Piano Merchants of America and is now a member of the National Press Club.

Associated With New York Company

In the formation of the new concern Mr. Pfeiffer regards himself as fortunate in having associated with him the piano manufacturing house of Hardman, Peck & Co. of New York, both on account of the prestige of that institution and because of the financial power which it brings.

In joining with Mr. Pfeiffer in establishing this new concern the Hardman house is practically opening a branch in Washington, and in naming Mr. Pfeiffer as president of the company is conferring what is regarded as a well earned honor to one who has spent many years in serving the public in this city.

In addition to the Hardman and Harrington pianos, the Autotone and Playtone player-pianos, the new concern will handle the Victor Victrola and Victor records.

OYSTER SUPPLY AUGMENTED.

Five Vessels Added to Fleet From Nearby Beds.

Five vessels with oysters aboard from the oyster fleet lying at the 12th street wharf. The indications are that the Sunday visitors to the wharf today after a feast of freshly shucked bivalves will find an ample supply from which to make their selection aboard vessels. All the oysters at the wharf are fresh caught and are in excellent condition. Potomac oysters of all grades and prices can be had and some oysters from the bay beds will also be found aboard the smaller craft at the wharf market. Prices should range from about 60 cents to \$1 and higher a bushel, according to the quality of the oyster wanted. Shuckers will be on hand to open oysters for those who desire their services.

THINKS AVERAGE CITIZEN CAN'T NAME U. S. PARKS

Writer in the Survey Believes, However, Larger Popular Knowledge Will Date From 1915.

Graham Romeyn Taylor Praises Representative Kent for Efforts in Behalf of National Playgrounds.

"It is doubtful if as many as five in a thousand Americans can even name the fourteen national parks." This statement is made by Graham Romeyn Taylor in an article dealing with national parks and their needs published today in the Survey.

Mr. Taylor expresses the belief, however, that during the past summer "with Europe closed during altercations as a cartoonist put it, and with the Pacific coast expositions drawing people west, there were many more visitors to the parks than ever before."

He also expresses the hope that the larger popular knowledge and use of the parks will date from 1915. The article says, in part:

Each Has Characteristic Scenery.

"Each of the principal parks presents characteristic scenery which is not to be found at all or at least not so prominently in any other park. The Yellowstone, of course, is distinguished by its steaming, boiling springs and volcanoes and other strange manifestations of nature; Mount Rainier for its great dominating mountain peak whose shoulders glisten with the greatest one-mountain glacier system so far discovered; Sequoia and Gen. Grant parks for their giant trees; Yosemite

for its incomparably beautiful valley; Crater lake for its round blue body of water surrounded by the unbroken crater wall of an extinct volcano; Glacier for its sixty glaciers and 250 lakes set in magnificent mountain scenery; Rocky Mountain Park, Col., established in 1915, for its range of mountains constituting the backbone of the continent; and Mount Baker for its remarkable ruins of the prehistoric cliff dwellers.

"To many it may be news that there is Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota, Platt National Park in Oklahoma and Sully Hill National Park in North Dakota, and that the Hot Springs in Arkansas are a national reservation. There are also the thirty 'national monuments,' situated and administered by the Interior Department, ten by the Department of Agriculture and two by the War Department. These include the Grand Canyon and the petrified forest in Arizona, the Muir woods, Mount Olympus in Washington and Lassen peak in California. It is expected that this year will see the passage of the bill to make the Grand Canyon a national park. Doubtless there are other 'monuments' which ought to be classed as parks and some parks which ought to be classed as monuments."

Public Spirit of Mr. Kent.

Concerning what has been done by Representative Kent of California in behalf of more and better parks in the country, Mr. Taylor says:

"From Chicago's crowded nineteenth ward to the wooded slopes of Mount Tamalpais, across the bay from San Francisco, seems a far cry. But it so happens that the same man who gave the land for the first small playground for Chicago's tenement children also gave the magnificent Muir woods to the people of the United States. These two public-spirited gifts, which Mr. Kent, formerly citizen of Chicago and now representative from California, typify the range of our public recreation facilities. For while the Muir woods are not classified as a national park, they are included in the Interior

Department's administration of national parks and reservations.

"Public recreation, thus broadly conceived, embraces the use of all sorts of spaces, from the small playground in the crowded city to the 'big outdoors' as you find it in the Yellowstone, the enchanting Yosemite or the high snow fields of Mount Baker. The playground movement brought in a larger idea of the human service which city parks and recreation areas can render to the masses of city dwellers. Similarly the new era which is now dawning in our national parks is to develop their popular use. The man who saw this vision has been chosen by Secretary Lane to give it reality. Like Mr. Kent, he is also a successful business man, whose loyalty is to both Chicago and California—Stephen T. Mather.

"Chicago knows Mr. Mather in many lines of civic effort as a worker who wants to accomplish results and cares nothing about being a figurehead. He has been a mainstay in the Municipal Voters' League and the City Club, and he conceived and helped to build a neighborhood center for social service back of the stockyards.

"Mr. Mather has long been associated with those who seek out the best that nature has so lavishly provided for America. Few members of the Sierra Club find as much enjoyment in its annual mountain campaign trips as he. And this means that his spirit is one with that which stirs the Appalachian Club in the east, the Prairie Club in Chicago, the Wanderlusts of Washington, and all who venture up mountain slopes or down wilderness rivers, who wander along the rushing waters and quiet pools of trout streams, who find contentment in peaceful hills and valleys.

"To lead his countrymen to a larger appreciation and use of their national parks and to make the enjoyment of them possible for all, for people of slender means as well as the better-to-do, is the work which Mr. Mather has undertaken."

Lieut. Howard Convicted.

Lieut. (J. G.) Bushrod B. Howard, U. S. N., has been convicted by court-martial, on board the U. S. S. Washington, of Port au Prince, Haiti, of the charge of drunkenness and sentenced to lose ten numbers in his grade. The sentence has been approved.

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